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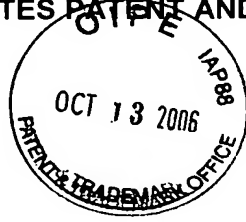
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Appln. of: **Akihisa Hirota**

Appln. No.: **10/576,895**



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Filed: **April 24, 2006**

For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING POWDER
FOR SLUSH MOLDING**

Examiner: Not Assigned

Art Unit: Not Assigned

Attorney Docket No.: **5404/149**

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Attached is/are:

- ☒ Transmittal (in Duplicate); Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement; Form PTO-1449; and a Copy of Each Listed Reference for Which a Copy is Required.
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard

Fee calculation:

- ☒ No additional fee is required.
- ☐ Small Entity.
- ☐ An extension fee in an amount of \$_____ for a _____-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).
- ☐ A petition or processing fee in an amount of \$_____ under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(_____).
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- ☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 23-1925 in the amount of \$_____. A copy of this Transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.
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- ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16 and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR § 1.17 associated with this paper (including any extension fee required to ensure that this paper is timely filed), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 23-1925.

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Respectfully submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant hereby cites the following reference(s):

OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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| PCT/IB/338 (Notification of Transmittal of Copies of Translation of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability) from Corresponding International Application No. PCT/JP2004/015326, dated August 22, 2006, 1 page. |
| PCT/IB/373 (International Preliminary Report on Patentability) from Corresponding International Application No. PCT/JP2004/015326, dated July 27, 2006, 1 page. |
| PCT/ISA/237 (Translation of Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority) from Corresponding International Application No. PCT/JP2004/015326, dated November 16, 2004, 4 pages. |

Applicant is enclosing Form PTO-1449 (one sheet), along with a copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2). As each of the listed references is in English, no further commentary is believed to be necessary, 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3). Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's consideration of the above reference(s) and entry thereof into the record of this application.

By submitting this Statement, Applicant is attempting to fully comply with the duty of candor and good faith mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.56. As such, this Statement is not intended to constitute an admission that any of the enclosed references, or other

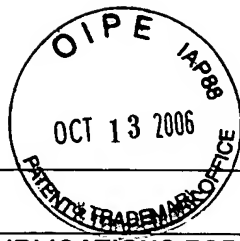
information referred to therein, constitutes "prior art" or is otherwise "material to patentability," as that phrase is defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a).

Applicant has calculated no fee to be due in connection with the filing of this Statement. However, the Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Statement to a deposit account, as authorized in the Transmittal accompanying this Statement.

Respectfully submitted,

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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